IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Naohito TAKAE, et al.

Serial No.: To be assigned Group Art Unit: Unassigned

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For: TELEPHONE DIRECTORY INFORMATION MODIFYING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

Claim 3,

line 2, delete "or 2".

Claim 4,

line 2, delete "or 2".

Claim 5,

line 2, delete "or 2".

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Claim 7,

line 2, delete "or 2".

Claim 8,

line 2, delete "or 2".

Claim 10,

line 2, delete "or 2".

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally-filed.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the abovereferenced application.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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